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**Rep. Matsui Gives Welcoming Remarks at Breathe California's 35th Annual Clean Air Awards**

**SACRAMENTO, CA** – Today, Congresswoman Doris Matsui (CA-05) delivered welcoming remarks at Breathe California's 35th Annual Clean Air Awards. The Clean Air Awards are given to groups or individuals who have made a significant contribution to improving California's air quality over the prior year. Five awards were presented at the luncheon: the Business Award went to the California Northern Railroad Company; the Government Award went to the City of Sacramento Fleet; the Citizen Group Award went to the North Natomas Transportation Management Association; the Regional Award went to the Cleaner Air Partnership; and the Smart Growth Award went to the Sacramento R Street Pedestrian and Bicycle Bridge.

"California's air quality is very much related to our quality of life," said Congresswoman Matsui. "It is important that we support and recognize the organizations and business that are moving us towards a better and healthier future. Together, we can make a real difference for our public health, for our environment, and for our children and grandchildren."

Congresswoman Matsui recently introduced the [Safe and Complete Streets Act of 2011](#), which would establish a Federal Complete Streets policy to ensure that roads are planned with all users in mind, from pedestrians to bicyclists, children, the elderly, and the disabled. By making sure streets are planned for more than just gas-powered vehicles, users will have alternatives for transportation, congestion will be reduced, and air quality will be improved.

"I will continue to use my position on the Energy and Commerce Committee to push for clean technology, smart growth, Complete Streets, and other forward-thinking policies that can help us make Sacramento, California, and our nation healthier," said Congresswoman Matsui during her

remarks.

*About Breathe California*

Breathe California Sacramento-Emigrant Trails (BCSET) was founded in 1917. The organization helped pass initiatives that brought light rail to Sacramento and has coordinated leading-edge research on air quality and health.

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